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VA Black Hills Joins Rapid City Community for Veterans Stand Down

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System will join together with Goodwill Industries, Rapid City Vet Center, American Legion, Rapid City Veterans Council, US Department of Labor, Veterans of Foreign War, Black Hills Homeless Coalition and the Corner Stone Mission to host a Veterans Stand Down in Rapid City.

The Stand Down will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 9:00am until 2:00pm at Bethel Assembly, 1202 N. Maple Avenue in Rapid City. The Stand Down is an extensive service fair for homeless Veterans and their families offering a period of respite from the streets and an opportunity to meet with County, State and Federal Veteran representatives. Services include a meal, clothing, community housing referral, medical and dental treatment, readjustment counseling, legal assistance, VA benefits, financial and economic information and much more.

Stand Down is a military term, which refers to fresh troops taking care of exhausted combat troops by moving them from the battlefield to an environment that is safe and secure. The depleted combat soldiers are given medical attention, food fresh clothing and an opportunity to get cleaned up, rest and recuperate.

For additional information or questions please contact Rodger Woeppel, VA Black Hills Stand Down Coordinator at (605) 745-2000 ext. 92114.

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